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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

The 70,000 members of the Simon Wiesenthal Center join the Board of Trustees and faculty of America's largest Holocaust center in wishing you a speedy and full recovery.

The purpose of this letter, Mr. President, is to appraise you of an historic event which will take place in Los Angeles on November 22, 1981 at the Century Plaza Hotel, when the prestigious Simon Wiesenthal Humanitarian Award will be conferred upon the hero of the Holocaust, Raoul Wallenberg, in absentia. The award will be accepted by Professor Guy Vondardel and Nina Lagergren of Stockholm, Wallenberg's half brother and sister. The evening will be chaired by Wiesenthal Center Trustee, Elizabeth Taylor Warner, and Simon Wiesenthal will fly in especially from Vienna for the occasion, joining an anticipated 2,000 leaders from the arts, civic and business communities.

We would be greatly honored, Mr. President, if you would accept our invitation to be the guest speaker and to join Simon Wiesenthal in presenting the award. I know that you have a deep feeling of concern for the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. No man is more deserving of recognition than this courageous Swede, who, during a time when the rest of the world was silent, became the conscience of the Holocaust at great personal risk. Your presence with us that evening would demonstrate that the people and government of the United States at the highest level, wish to be identified with the legacy and fate of Raoul Wallenberg. We would be deeply grateful if you and Mrs. Reagan could be with us on that occasion.

Respectfully yours,

Samuel Belzberg
Chairman
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